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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KATSUO KUMAGAI, ET AL.

Serial No. **10/629,117**

Filed: **July 28, 2003**

For: **THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR MASTITIS OF
LIVESTOCK AND METHOD FOR
TREATING MASTITIS USING THE
SAME AGENT**

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) Art Unit: **1623**
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) Examiner: **G. Krishnan**
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FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, a five-month period for response to which expires on August 23, 2004, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows and reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the amendments and the following remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time and a check in the amount to cover the payment of the fee for a two-month extension of time to expire on August 23, 2004, are enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 23, 2004.

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